

HOW TO BE OR NOT BE *the church* ✝

TO THE CHURCH IN PERGAMUM
FOLLOWING GOD

April 28, 2024

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9:00am Worship Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn & Entrance of the Light of Christ

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

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Call to Worship - Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy worldwide church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praises and Prayers

Congregational Prayer

Choir Anthem

Mt. Zion Choir

"Heavenly Sunlight"

arr. Buryl Red

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:12-17

Children's Time

Sermon Hymn

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Message

"To the Church in Pergamum - Following God"

Pastor Heath Wilson

Response to the Word

*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

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Benediction

Participants

Greeters:

Acolytes:

Today

Denise & Eddie Toney

Nick & Bailey

Next Week

Genie Greenwell

Prayer Concerns

April 28 thru May 5

Lorraine Davis - her Aunt who she has been caring for is in hospice care
Wendy Hensley - recovering from knee surgery replacement
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater
Al MacDonald - leg pain
Joanna Mauck - recovering well from surgery on her hand and arm
Marilyn Mishou - recovering from knee surgery
Janet & Kurt Sears family - loss of home due to a fire
Pastor Heath & Julie Wilson & family - loss of Julie's grandmother

Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Leslie Ellis - health and healing
Steve Ellis - health and healing
Susan Fox - pancreatic cancer, showing improvement, but still more chemo
Jeff Fullerton - recovering from a recent stroke
Dougie Greenwell - 17-year-old with cancer
Heather Katz - prayers for a good follow-up appointment with neurologists
Kenzie - tumor is growing, being admitted to John Hopkins
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength
Brian Lawler - cancer, too weak to continue treatments
Michael Lowe - early stage of Alzheimer's
Marshall family - loss of Stuart Marshall from cancer
Martha - Praise! baby has some issues but is getting stronger, to be born in April
Matt Mattlock - Praise! knee surgery went well, pray for continued healing
Dawn Morgan of Lane's Bus Service died suddenly, prayers for family, friends and students
Luke Nethers - 5-year-old has Leukemia and starting chemotherapy
Gina Richardson - home from rehab prayers to gain strength from surgery
Harold Schlemmer - cancer has spread, new treatments, IV infusion
Mark Smith - recovering from triple bypass surgery
Jimmy Talbert - cancer
Mike Wilkins - treatments for throat cancer
Linda Wright - cancer of the kidneys

Announcements

Today, Sunday, April 28, 12:00pm - Special Trustee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

This Evening, Sunday, April 28 - 4:30pm - Prince of Egypt Movie Night

Bring the family and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30pm to watch the movie "The Prince of Egypt". This movie is for all ages. Snacks will be served.

Church Council Meeting, Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm

Is Jesus Calling You?

We have had sermons on showing love to others and feeding Jesus' sheep; Jesus has called us to do just that! We are partners with Jesus and He has given each one of us a special gift and responsibilities-so what or how are you using your special gift?

Here are some ways that you could use your special gift-singing in the choir, counters for the offering, card ministry, breakfast ministry, gardening or maybe helping out with the Youth group. Have you considered leading a bible study or home group?

Or maybe, God has laid some other idea on your heart to do for him. If you have ideas, contact Pastor Heath or Rev, Jenn to discuss your idea. If you are interested in one of the ideas that were mentioned in the past sermons or in this article, you can also contact Pastor Heath or Rev. Jenn for more information.

Stephanie Taylor, Congregational Care Ministries Coordinator

Saturday, May 4 - 8am-1pm - Yard Sale on the Field of Grace

There will be a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8am – 1pm on the Field of Grace.

This is a fundraiser for our ASP trip this summer. Space rentals are \$20 for a 10x10 foot space. You can rent tables for the space at \$10 (limited supply). To reserve a space, go to mzumc.com. The ASP team will also take donations of smaller items (*no larger furniture please*) to sell at a "church table". If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Joe Harrison at 410-562-6010 or at joswharr@comcast.net to arrange drop off or pick up.

Save These Upcoming Dates

May 12 - Mother's Day - *We will have a special gift to celebrate all women that Sunday!*

May 22 - 12pm - Lunch Bunch Luncheon

May 25 - 8am - Men's Gathering

June 9 - 5-8pm - Farewell Gathering Open House for Rev. Jenn

**Birthday: 4/28 Travis Smith; 4/30 Dalton Ramey;
5/2 Diane Balsley; 5/3 Bailey Simmons**